

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A rotating electric machine, comprising:
 - a bowl-like housing having a through hole penetrated by a shaft and having a cutout portion in a part of an opening portion;
 - a commutator fixed to the shaft;
 - a base fixed to the housing by a clamp screw and having a tapped hole through which the clamp screw is inserted with [[a]] play;
 - a brush disposed in the base and rubbing against the commutator;
 - a plate having a joint portion to which a lead wire led from outside is welded and fixed to the base;
 - a grommet penetrated by the lead wire and engaged in the cutout portion of the housing; and
 - a positioning unit which positions the lead wire to be welded in the joint portion, wherein the positioning unit has a tapered face for leading the lead wire to a welding position.
2. (original): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the positioning unit is made of a resin material for forming the base and formed integrally with the base.

3. (canceled).

4. (original): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the lead wire has a conductor including a plurality of element wires; and

top end portions of the plurality of element wires are welded to be fixed to the joint portion while a covering thereon is removed.

5. (currently amended): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the lead wire includes a plurality of lead wires;

the positioning unit includes a plurality of positioning units; and

an interval between the lead wires penetrating through the grommet and an interval between the positioning units are equal.

6. (original): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the grommet has a thinned portion around the outer circumference of the lead wire penetrating through the grommet on the side of the joint portion.

7. (original): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

an elastic body;

wherein the base is fixed via the elastic body to the housing.

8. (original): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the plate is insert molded into the base by a resin material forming the base; and

the joint portion being disposed inside an outer circumferential face of the base.

9. (currently amended): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the rotating electric machine is a brush motor employed for an electric power steering apparatus.

10. (new): The rotating electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the positioning unit is provided in the joint portion such that the positioning unit forms part of the joint portion.